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SUBJ: FRG/BRAZIL

1. I AM CONCERNED THAT WE BE STAMPEDED INTO DISCUSSING A JOINT US/FRG STATEMENT BASED ON A GERMAN DRAFT, WHICH COULD CONTAIN A NUMBER OF ELEMENTS WHICH WILL BE REPUGNANT TO US.

2. IF INDEED THE GERMANS FEEL THAT THEY MUST ISSUE THE LICENSES AND IF WE MUST ACCEPT SUCH A COURSE OF ACTION, I BELIEVE THAT THE GERMANS SHOULD ISSUE THEIR OWN STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY THE LICENSES WERE ISSUED AND HOPEFULLY COMMITTING THEMSELVES TO SUPPORT GLOBAL NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES AND TO DISCOURAGE FURTHER WORK ON SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES AS RESULT OF DECISION TO ISSUE LICENSES.

3. IN THAT EVENT IT SEEMS TO ME WE WOULD OF NECESSITY HAVE TO ISSUE SOME KIND OF A STATEMENT OF OUR OWN, NOTING THE GERMAN ACTION, WELCOMING GERMAN COMMITMENT TO COOPERATION IN GLOBAL NON-PROLIFERATION AND HOPING THAT FURTHER STUDY OF SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY

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WOULD PERSUADE BOTH THE FRG AND BRAZIL OF ITS IN-ADVISABILITY. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN LANGUAGE MOST HELPFUL TO OUR OBJECTIVES, WE WOULD WANT TO ASK FRG TO CONSULT WITH US CONCERNING SEPARATE STATEMENTS.

4. IN MY VIEW, JOINING WITH THE FRG IN A COMMON STATEMENT WOULD SEEM TO IMPLY SOME RESPONSIBILITY BY

THE US FOR A DECISION TAKEN AND WOULD SUGGEST THAT
WE HAD BEEN FORCED TO BACK DOWN FROM OUR POSITION
REGARDING TRANSFER OF SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES.
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